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1. The principal order at present in production at Lwa-Görlitz is for the building of sleeping cars and through-train coaches for the Soviet Union. There is also an order from the Polish state railways for suburban trains for Warsaw. Direct reparations deliveries consist mainly of repair shop cars, cowcatchers and refrigerator cars.
2. About 200 workmen were discharged in August 1953 on account of the falling off of production, especially in the locomotive shop. Manufacture of locomotives has been transferred to the Karl Marx works in Potsdam, which now is the only works in the Soviet Zone making locomotives. Lwa-Görlitz had an order for 1,200,000 marks of locomotive parts which now must be transferred to the Karl Marx works.
3. In addition, after the completion of the six sleeping cars exhibited at the Leipzig Fair, there was a 14 days' suspension of work in this department, while negotiations were going on over the further production of this kind of car, and because it was desired to wait for the closing of the fair.
4. Production in August included three repair shop cars for a repair train, as reparations production, and completion of a refrigerator car for which the refrigerating machinery was supplied by the firm Kälte-Richter in East Berlin. The generator equipment was not installed at Lwa-Görlitz. Two cars were also delivered for the Polish suburban service. Six double-decker coaches have been delivered to the Soviet-German railways in the last quarter.

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